

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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August 12, 2003

FROM: **THOMAS R. LAURIN, DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

SUBJECT: **GRANT AGREEMENTS UNDER THE COUNTY'S UPDATED 2000-2005
CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2003-2004 ACTION PLAN FOR THE CDBG,
HOME, AND ESG PROGRAMS**

RECOMMENDATION:

- (1) Accept three (3) Community Planning and Development grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in an amount totaling \$14,759,130 to carry out the County's updated 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2003-2004 Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs; and,

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Agreement #</u>
U.S. Department of HUD	\$9,759,000	
U.S. Department of HUD	\$4,722,130	
U.S. Department of HUD	\$ 278,000	

- (2) Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign HUD-supplied grant agreements and any subsequent related documents required for the County to receive the grants.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants are entitlement grants provided from the federal government to urban counties throughout the nation. The County must apply annually to HUD in order to receive these grant funds. One of the main application requirements is that the County must develop a five-year Consolidated Plan, and annual action plans to carry out the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan. The five-year plan is updated annually along with development of the annual action plan. The annual plans include the federal forms required when applying for the grants.

On April 15, 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed updated 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and Year 2003-2004 Action Plan for the County's application for \$14,759,130 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME), and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs. As directed by the Board action, staff submitted the Plan in final form to HUD on May 30, 2003. The 2000-2005 Consolidated Plan and 2003-2004 Action Plan constitutes the HUD-required application for these annual entitlement grants.

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Upon submission of the grant application, the HUD comment period began, and ran for forty-five days. This comment period ended on July 14, 2003. During that period, HUD reviewed the Plan and provided comments to County staff. The comments were addressed in a corrected application sent to HUD on June 19, 2003. HUD has written, signed, and sent grant agreement documents to the County. These agreements are required for granting the federal funds to the County. Each year since 1975, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors has signed HUD grant agreements for the Community Planning and Development grants including CDBG.

The first recommendation takes action to accept the three (3) grants from HUD including the annually required conditions and certifications, and regulatory requirements of the grants. No matching funds are required for the CDBG program. The HOME program requires a 50% match that is provided by participating housing developers. The ESG program requires the County to match ESG grant funds dollar-for-dollar, using funds generated by the County or generated by the organizations that receive ESG funds from the County.

The second recommendation gives the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors the authority to sign the grant agreement documents and accompanying certifications. These documents obligate the County to carry out the grant programs in accordance with federal laws and regulations. This action also authorizes the Chairman of the Board to sign any subsequent documents required in order to carry out these grant programs.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This action was reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office, Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on August 4, 2003 and Deputy County Counsel, Andrew W. Hartzell on August 5, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs do not affect the County's General Fund. The County's 2003-2004 consolidated-grants allocations total to \$14,759,000 (\$9,759,000 for CDBG, \$4,722,130 for HOME, and \$278,000 for ESG) and have been included in the fiscal year 2003/04 budget for the department.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All.

PRESENTER: Thomas R. Laurin, Director, 388-0808.